

IN THE CLAIMS

1. (currently amended) A portable terminal device, comprising:

a determination unit retrieving data from a telephone directory database if a call arrives at a portable terminal device, and determining whether an originating number is registered in a telephone directory database; and

a transmitting unit immediately connecting the call without emitting a dial tone so that a charge is imposed on an originator side if the originating number is not registered in the telephone directory database, and announcing a recorded message.

2. (currently amended) The portable terminal device according to claim 1, wherein

if the originating number is registered in the telephone directory database, the telephone directory database is further retrieved, and if the originating number is for a call set to a zero-calling time, the call is immediately connected without a dial tone so that a charge is imposed on an originator side and a recorded message is announced to the originator.

3. (original) The portable terminal device according to claim 1, wherein

the zero-calling time setting is made in a recorded message response time area of the telephone directory database.

4. (canceled)

5. (original) The portable terminal device according to claim 1, wherein

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after the recorded message is announced to the originator, a message from the originator is recorded.

6. – 8. (canceled)

9. (currently amended) A method for preventing one-time only calls to a portable telephone set, comprising:

retrieving data from a telephone directory database if a call arrives at a portable terminal device, and determining whether an originating number is registered in a telephone directory database; and

immediately connecting the call without emitting a dial tone if the originating number is not registered in the telephone directory database, and announcing a recorded message.

10. (currently amended) The method for preventing one-time only calls to a portable telephone set according to claim 9, wherein

if the originating number is registered in the telephone directory database, the telephone directory database is further retrieved, and if the originating number is for a call set to a zero-calling time, the call is immediately connected without a dial tone and a recorded message is announced to the originator.

11. (currently amended) A computer readable medium for causing a portable telephone set to execute a process, the process comprising:

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retrieving data from a telephone directory database if a call arrives at a portable terminal device, and determining whether an originating number is registered in a telephone directory database; and

immediately connecting the call without emitting a dial tone if the originating number is not registered in the telephone directory database, and announcing a recorded message, ~~wherein a message from the originator is recorded in a processing device of the portable telephone set.~~

12. (currently amended) The computer readable medium according to claim 11, the process comprising:

if the originating number is registered in the telephone directory database, the telephone directory database is further retrieved, and if the originating number is for a call set to zero-calling time, the call is immediately connected without a dial tone and a recorded message is announced to the originator.